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8 BEFORE THE FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION  
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10 STATE OF CALIFORNIA

11 In the Matter of ) FPPC No: 05/776  
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14 GEORGE RUNNER, GEORGE RUNNER ) STIPULATION, DECISION and  
FOR SENATE - 2004, and RITA BURLESON, ) ORDER  
15 Respondents. )  
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19 Complainant Mark Krausse, Executive Director of the Fair Political Practices Commission, and  
20 Respondents George Runner, George Runner for Senate - 2004, and Rita Burleson hereby agree that this  
21 stipulation will be submitted for consideration by the Fair Political Practices Commission at its next  
22 regularly scheduled meeting.

23 The parties agree to enter into this stipulation to resolve all factual and legal issues raised in this  
24 matter, and to reach a final disposition without the necessity of holding an administrative hearing to  
25 determine the liability of Respondents.

26 Respondents understand and hereby knowingly and voluntarily waive any and all procedural  
27 rights set forth in sections 83115.5, 11503 and 11523 of the Government Code, and in sections 18361.1  
28 through 18361.9 of title 2 of the California Code of Regulations. This includes, but is not limited to, the

1 right to personally appear at any administrative hearing held in this matter, to be represented by an  
2 attorney at Respondents' own expense, to confront and cross-examine all witnesses testifying at the  
3 hearing, to subpoena witnesses to testify at the hearing, and to have an impartial administrative law  
4 judge preside over the hearing as a hearing officer, and to have the matter judicially reviewed.

5 Respondents further stipulate and agree that Respondents George Runner, George Runner for  
6 Senate - 2004, and Rita Burleson violated the Political Reform Act by failing to establish a bank account  
7 upon receiving contributions for the 2004 State Senate primary/general elections, in violation of section  
8 85201, subdivision (a) of the Government Code (1 count); by accepting two contributions that exceeded  
9 the \$3,200 contribution limit, in violation of section 85301, subdivision (a) of the Government Code (1  
10 count); and by failing to disclose required information for contributors of \$100 or more, in violation of  
11 sections 84211, subdivision (f) and 85309, subdivision (a) of the Government Code (1 count) as  
12 described in Exhibit 1. Exhibit 1 is attached hereto and incorporated by reference, as though fully set  
13 forth herein. Exhibit 1 is a true and accurate summary of the facts in this matter.

14 Respondents agree to the issuance of the decision and order, which is attached hereto.  
15 Respondents also agree to return to contributors High Desert Medical Group and Sierra Toyota Three  
16 Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$3,200) each. Additionally, Respondents agree to the Commission  
17 imposing upon them an administrative penalty in the amount of Five Thousand Five Hundred Dollars  
18 (\$5,500). A cashier's check from Respondents in said amount, made payable to the "General Fund of  
19 the State of California," is submitted with this stipulation as full payment of the administrative penalty,  
20 and shall be held by the State of California until the Commission issues its decision and order regarding  
21 this matter. The parties agree that in the event the Commission refuses to accept this stipulation, it shall  
22 become null and void, and within fifteen (15) business days after the Commission meeting at which the  
23 stipulation is rejected, all payments tendered by Respondents in connection with this stipulation shall be  
24 reimbursed to Respondents. Respondents further stipulate and agree that in the event the Commission  
25 rejects the stipulation, and a full evidentiary hearing before the Commission becomes necessary, neither

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any member of the Commission, nor the Executive Director, shall be disqualified because of prior consideration of this stipulation.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

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Mark Krausse  
Executive Director  
Fair Political Practices Commission

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

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George Runner, Respondent

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

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Rita Burleson, individually and on behalf of George  
Runner for Senate - 2004, Respondents

### **DECISION AND ORDER**

The foregoing stipulation of the parties “In the Matter of George Runner, George Runner for Senate - 2004, and Rita Burleson, FPPC No. 05/776,” including all attached exhibits, is hereby accepted as the final decision and order of the Fair Political Practices Commission, effective upon execution below by the Chairman.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

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Liane M. Randolph, Chairman  
Fair Political Practices Commission